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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Robert F. Browning, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, KY, offered the following prayer:

Father, You have been so good to us and we thank You for many blessings today. Thank You for trusting us to make decisions. Help us to be wise. Thank You for giving us responsibility. Help us to be industrious. Thank You for allowing us to be leaders in this great country. Help us to follow You as we lead Your people. Thank You for giving us families along our journey. Help us to be faithful to them. Thank You, most of all, for Your abiding presence, gracious love, strengthening arm, and forgiving Spirit. May we be humble recipients and bold ambassadors. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 15 Members on each side for 1-minute.

REQUEST FOR LIMITATION OF TIME FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2126, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent on the defense bill today that we have a limitation of 5 hours on the bill and all amendments thereto.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

Mr. SANDERS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I object. We are talking about \$244 billion. I think we need more debate than 5 hours.

Mr. MURTHA. How about 6 hours?

The SPEAKER. Objection is heard.

Mr. SANDERS. I think it is something that should be discussed perhaps in a little while when people get together. I do not have an objection to a time limit. But I cannot agree to a certain time limit now.

The SPEAKER. The Chair seeks to accommodate Members, and this has been an interesting colloquy. The Chair thinks if the gentlemen can get together, the Chair will be glad to recognize someone at an appropriate moment.

WELCOME TO REV. DR. ROBERT F. BROWNING

(Mr. ROGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Bob Browning, who offered today's opening prayer as the guest House Chaplain, is my hometown pastor, friend, and personal counselor.

He is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Somerset, KY, a church of some 2,000 members.

Although a young man, Brother Browning has packed into his years an impressive career in service to God and his people.

He just last year finished two 1-year terms as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, a sure sign of the esteem felt for Brother Browning by his peers and religious leaders throughout Kentucky.

But, no wonder to us, his home church members, we have watched his leadership abilities grow and develop since he came to us in 1982 following pastorships at three other Kentucky churches and receiving his doctorate degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

In addition to various responsibilities with the State association, he has been called upon by the entire community. He serves on everything from the YMCA board to the county solid waste advisory committee. He is a trustee at Cumberland College. He has worked as a volunteer in Africa, Brazil, and Russia.

Brother Bob and his wife Jackie are the parents of three wonderful children: Jason, Amy, and Joshua. Jason is a marine, based in California.

Brother Bob is a wonderful preacher. But his greatest gift is his ability to counsel, one on one. I can personally testify to the warm and caring love he imparts to those who are so fortunate to be in his care. He has been of enormous importance to me and my family in recent months, especially.

Welcome Brother Browning to the people's House, your House.

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(Mr. DICKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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